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Regis Alumnae Campbell Brown to address students and faculty at roundtable discussion in Fieldhouse

by Padraic J. Swanton

For the first time since she graduated Regis University, Campbell Brown will hold a round-table discussion on-campus. Brown is a graduate from the Politics department with a Bachelor of Arts received in 1991. The round-table discussion is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2004 from 7:30am until 9am and will include a continental breakfast.

Although this is a ticketed event to be held in the Fieldhouse, Regis University students can attend the breakfast for free. Tickets for interested students will still need to be picked up in the Office of Public Affairs, room 131 of Main Hall. These tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis so students are highly recommended to get their tickets early. Faculty and staff are also welcome to attend the event, however a



Campbell Brown will speak at Regis on April 13 at 7:30 a.m. photo courtesy of www.msnbc.com

fee of \$10 will be assessed for the breakfast discussion.

After several years with varying affiliates of NBC in Topeka, Kansas, Richmond, Virginia and Baltimore, Maryland, Brown finally settled down with the "Today" weekend edition and as a political correspondent of MSNBC. Before the large news network was formed,

Brown worked for the NBC News Channel between 1996 and 1998 where she covered the crash of Swiss Air Flight #111 and the Pope's visit to Cuba. Brown also spent much of her time covering the impeachment of President Clinton.

However, Campbell Brown's most prestigious and well-respected work came during the hectic election year of 2000. During this time period Brown traveled with the George W. Bush campaign, along with the Republican National Convention and the preceding primaries. Finally, she covered the ensuing nationwide recount from President Bush's ranch near Crawford, Texas.

Following her work during "Decision 2000," MSNBC stated that Brown, "served as [the] NBC News White House correspondent since February 2001, where she reported for Nightly News with Tom

Brokaw,' 'Today,' and MSNBC.

Since September of 2003, Campbell Brown has been co-anchor for the "Today" Weekend Edition. This program is the highest rating weekend news program in the country. Brown anchors the program with Lester Holt and it can be seen on Saturdays at 5-7am and Sundays at 6-7am Mountain Standard Time She also provided insight on several Democratic Primaries with Chris Matthews on "Hardball."

For the Regis University community this will truly be a historic and remembered event. Students will be able to hear about the media world, along with helpful hints to land a job in this field. Members of the Regis University Alumni Association anticipate a high turnout for the event and encourage students to get their tickets

Hunt for off-campus housing intensifies

by Nikki Lawson

College is a time of change and for many students the first opportunity to live on their own. Although living in the dorms is a wonderful life experience, the majority of college students move off-campus before they graduate. Although Regis allows on-campus residency for upperclassmen in West Hall and the Townhouses, oncampus living is not for everyone.

While proximity and convenience can be lost in an off-campus move, the freedom found in renting an apartment or house is hard to overlook. Whether a student has lived on-campus for one, two, or three years, moving off-campus and securing a quality living situation is

For students who have never rented off-campus, the task of attaining a residence can be a daunting one. There

are several steps in finding a place to live as well as many precautions to consider upon choosing a place of residence.

Because Regis University is surrounded by neighborhoods, off-campus living options include houses, town homes, and apartments. In general, offcampus housing in the area proximal to Regis costs approximately \$300-500 a month plus utilities. Leases are generally signed for a 12 month period, so finding a comfortable, quality place to live is important.

So what is the first step to finding an off-campus residence? Because Regis is a small school

word of mouth is a powerful tool in finding reliable living situations. Places to live open up annually with the



Renting homes off-campus is a popular choice for Regis students photo courtesy of www.yahooimages.com

graduation of seniors, the changing of roommates, and the disliking of location. (continues on page 2)



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Ongoing conflict in Iraq evaluated one year later

By Justin Goldman

At the time of this writing Operation Iraqi Freedom has been underway for one year. We saw a nation deeply divided as the Bush Administration made their case for preemptive military action. As we move further into this election year it appears that this division will not cease anytime soon. What we know is that the two US Marines killed in the Al Anbar Province on Wednesday March 17, 2004 brings the total number of Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice to 572. We must succeed in Iraq so that these exceptional Americans will not have sacrificed in vain.

So much has occurred in the Iraqi theater. What do you remember from the outset? It was Wednesday March 19, 2003 when President Bush announced the start of military campaign in Iraq. Cruise missiles from US Warships and 2,000 pound bombs from F-117 Stealth Fighters were the opening of operations.

As forces pushed to Baghdad we opened a northern front a week later as 1,000 members of the Army's 173 Airborne Brigade secured the Harir Airfield 40 miles into the Kurdish controlled region. Difficult battles were waged on the road to Baghdad amidst the challenges of sandstorms and supply lines. We saw the challenges east of Najaf during heavy firefights in the Euphrates River Valley.

On April 5, 2003 US Forces rolled into Baghdad and by April 9, 2003 that famous statue of Saddam Hussein had fallen in Firdos Square. In New York Iraq's Ambassador to the

United Nations Mohammed Aldouri conceded the inevitable. He had lost contact with the regime and the regime had lost its capital city. Fighting raged on in cities northwest of Baghdad such as Mosul and Tikrit.

Tariq Aziz, the former Deputy Prime Minister and a close advisor to Saddam Hussein surrendered to coalition forces on April 24, 2003. US forces faced hostile Iragis the town of Fallujah on April 30, 2003. This is significant as Fallujah sits in the Sunni Triangle, one of the greatest challenges in pacifying Irag. Interestingly enough President Bush declared "the end" to major combat onboard the USS Abraham Lincoln the very next day, just 43 days after the war had started. Challenges on the ground remain, but many other factors need to be looked at.

On April 17, 2003 the Iraqi Survey Group of 1,000 strong was deployed to Iraq for the hunt for weapons of mass destruction. This was a central argument the Bush Administration made for the war. Two significant events stand out in terms of WMD. It was the morning of July 18, 2003 that the body of Dr. David Kelly was found with his wrists slit. He had served as the Special Advisor to the Director, Counter Proliferation and Arms Control. After he had been grilled by Members of Parliament and accused by the BBC of "sexing up" the intelligence in the Iraq dossier the former UN Weapons Inspector took his own life at the age of 59. British Prime Minister Tony Blair was cleared of wrong doing on the intelligence matter by a Lord Hutton Inquired.

David Kay, the head of the Iraqi

Survey Group resigned on January 23, 2004. He said he did not believe the country had any large stockpiles of chemical or biological weapons. Although this assertion definitely challenges the causes for war, but the hunt for a breakthough in the WMD search continues.

The actions of Operation Iraqi Freedom have impacted other efforts in the battle against the threats of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass

destruction. Libya has given up its WMD program. The network of Abdul Queer Khan of Pakistan has been uncovered. He was found to be transferring nuclear technologies to countries such as Iran and Libya. Although President Musharraf has granted him a full pardon, Pakistan remains a critcal ally in combating terrorism. At the time of this writing Pakistani's are in a fierce firefight confronting tribla fighters in south Warziristan, along the Afghanistan border. They are believed to be protecting Osama bin Laden's top deputy, Dr. Ayman al Zawahiri.

There is so much involved that I could not hope to cover as a



Operation Iraqi Freedom has been underway for a year now.

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result of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi, a Jordainian is said to be leading the campaign of insurgents to destabilize Iraq. including suicide bombings. A reward of 10 million dollars is out on the terrorist linked to Al-Qaeda. We have no choice but to succeed in Iraq. This will take time, resources, and manpower. We must never forget the very human aspect of our forces in Iraq. Some of the best people in in this country are putting themselves on the line. People like Marine Corporal Adam Hyatt, a former colleague of mine operating in the Sunni Triangle.

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Off-campus housing (continued from page 1)

In general, landlords that have previously rented to Regis students are more willing to do so again and houses that are rented by Regis students year after year are generally quality places to live.

"Taking precautions with renting is necessary, because with the freedom of off-campus living comes more risk."

Another way to go about securing a place to live is by doing research. In the spring, "For Rent" signs begin to surface all over the surrounding community. Apartment complexes such as Regis Place and houses for rent advertise available living space.

Simply calling and inquiring about these advertisements can develop into a place to live.

In essence, finding a place to live is the easy part. The difficulty comes in securing a quality residence that is reasonably priced with a fair landlord. Students should take precautions upon renting because Colorado law tends to

se Colorado law tends to favor the landlord.
Before renting, it is important to learn about the Colorado Renters Laws, which can be researched at www.rhol.org, the Rental Housing Online website.

When a tenant signs a lease, they are activating the official, legal agreement between

themselves and the landlord.
The lease maps out the details of this agreement, and is referred back to whenever conflict arises. Reading every part of the lease carefully can help avoid such conflicts as well as unfair charges or claims from the landlord.

Under Colorado Law, a

tenant may only be evicted if the landlord has filed a court order. A landlord may file for eviction if a tenant refuses to pay rent or if they continually violate one or more parts of the lease after a warning.

Security deposits are regulated by Colorado Law, and can be withheld at the end of the lease if damages have occurred that are beyond regular wear and tear. Security deposits can also be used as rent if the tenant moves out early.

Landlords are not liable for damages that have occurred to the possessions of a tenant. As a tenant, any student may purchase renter's insurance to assure that belongings are all accounted for the duration of the lease.

Renting takes time and energy for finding a quality, fitting place to live is imperative for any student. Taking precautions with renting is necessary, because with the great freedom of off-campus living comes more risk.

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Point, Counterpoint team answers a letter from a concerned *Highlander* reader

Dear Highlander. I am writing in regards to the newly added point / counterpoint section of the newspaper written by Rief and Schrader. Frankly, you should scratch out this section and add a crossword puzzle or word jumble because it would be far more intellectually engaging than the mindless dribble of these two so-called debaters. The only thing worse than these two hacks is the editorial staff that has allowed them to continue writing these awful pieces.

Despite their early attempts to reach some level of intelligence in their column, I have not seen any worthwhile content since the discussion about pictures of soldiers during wartime. Discussions about pop culture and fast food are for simpleminded fools who would find anything funny; this isn't the Onion. Given recent attempts by the rest of the paper to increase the quality and timeliness of its reports, I have seen nothing in this column as of late to convince me that its authors are facilitating this transformation. I would be surprised if these two spent more than a combined fifteen minutes writing the articles they submit for publication.

Please, don't take this the wrong way. I am all about free speech and freedom of the press, but this does not mean we have to put up with everything that any "plebian" writes. I am sick and tired of reading mindless contests of wit between two individuals that have the combined wit of Donald Rumsfeld. Their attempts to poke fun at America's health problems and one of the greatest movies ever created (LOTR -Return of the King) have only added to my fury that this column would continue to appear in what is otherwise a good student paper. Perhaps it is time for someone in the newspaper staff to stand up to these two and tell them to

start writing about something more intellectually engaging or to stop writing altogether.

Also, Schrader's constant attempts to belittle our President are inexcusable. In a time of conflict and deep divisiveness throughout America, we do not need a naysayer whose only goal is to make Bush look like a total idiot. We need to unify behind our President. Once again, you will probably say that it is within the freedom of the press to make fun of our leadership; however, there are appropriate times to do this and now is not one of them. Individuals who do not support our President in these times should be seen as treasonous, not as defenders of our democratic right to comment on our leadership. I know that there is no law which agrees with me on this point, but I feel it is an important thing to say.

Also, has anyone noticed that the point / counterpoint is often point / totally unrelated point? It's like these guys just type their arguments in different rooms without ever consulting each other about the topic or their sides in the debate. If the idea is to engage in important discussions about timely topics, then the current way that the debates unfold is not getting it done. Is our debate team any good? I can't imagine our debaters winning rounds when their arguments are completely unrelated. If these articles are indicative of their competitive success, then we are in for a long year

Anyway, and in closing, I hope that you reconsider the publication of this section of your newspaper, or at least reign in Rief and Schrader before they really offend someone.

Respectfully, Concerned Reader Dear Dedicated Reader,

Thank you for your continuing support and readership. We agree that a cross word puzzle would be more engaging that our articles have been, in fact, they are so difficult that we have never been able to finish one. Maybe you could use our past articles as an ad hoc word search, not to be confused with a word jumble. They all have about 500 words each; see if you can find them all.

Thank you for your compliments regarding our editors and the choices that they make, they are hard workers. We are sorry that you did not enjoy our discussion of pictures of dead soldiers; we will try to remove all content and rely only on our slow and dull wits. Your comparison of our newspaper to the Onion is flattering, we like receiving compliments here at the Highlander.

Also, your rousing support for free speech and freedom of the press brought tears to our eyes. Free speech is crucial for people that want to bag on the Commander in Chief in an open forum, and you're protecting that right and we commend you for it. Your incorporation of Donald Rumsfeld, a modern hero of free speech, is inspiring for everyone here at the Highlander.

The Lord of the Rings is the best movie ever, yes. That is why John and I concluded that it was the best movie ever that was not good. Of all the movies that are not good, this one is the best. Wait, I guess John thinks that it

was good, but his mind has been co-opted by corporate America. He was bamboozled because every time he Super Sized his meal at McDonald's he received a big plastic cup with Aragorn on the side. Aside from the obvious health benefits of Super Sizing, it is problematic because it makes innocent 'plebeians' think that the LOTR was a good flick.

I take offence at the claim that I made fun of the President, this is an outrage. I only said that it would be good if he lost the election. Making fun of the President is no laughing matter. Making jokes at his expense is not acceptable, unless it would cause him to lose his office, then it's ok. Go hawks, and not the sports team. And if you don't get this joke call Brian or John. We'll tell you not to worry because it was not that funny in the first place.

We agree that we have done an excellent job of clashing. It would be boring if one of us made and argument and then the other went off on some incomprehensible tangent. Good thing that never happens with our articles, huh? Thank you for your compliments regarding our debate team and its recent success. We can never hear that enough. Just knowing that the entire Regis community is behind us brings warmth to our hearts. As long as we are at Regis, we will continue to bring you the highest quality of point / counter point.

Thanks for your complimentary letter, Brian and John

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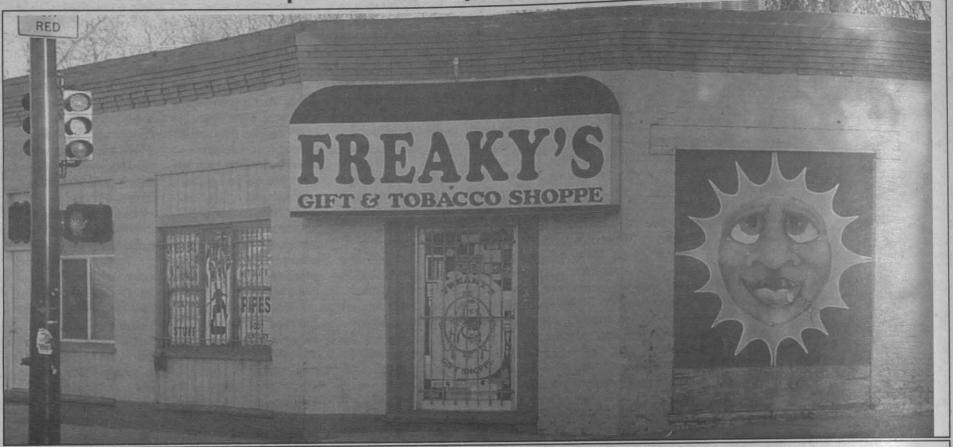
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Foray into oxygen bar ridiculed: He said/She said duo not impressed by latest new age trend



Freaky's oxygen bar rests inside this gift and tobacco shoppe. photo by Dan Delaney

by Ann Tool

I think that the idea of an oxygen bar has potential to be cool and hip; however, Freaky's attempt at getting people all jacked up on O2 is pretty lame. First of all I find it a little odd to have an oxygen bar set up in the middle of head shop. Weird. As if head shops didn't all ready have enough inhalation paraphernalia already. Maybe they thought they could do their customers some good by adding in something slightly healthier.

I thought that an oxygen bar would be in a trendy, clean environment with stylish décor and bright colors and lighting, filled with oxygen contraptions that take a rocket scientist to operate. Instead, it was in a hectic and crowded store with posters of Jimi Hendrix, Scareface, and a great big hand flicking you off on the wall. Not exactly the fresh and cleansing atmosphere I was hoping for. The actual bar consisted of two stools set up in front of a makeshift bar no longer than six feet. On top of this bar sat two separate oxygen machines with four "flavor" tubes in each one.

Five bucks buys you ten minutes of scented oxygen. You can choose four different flavors from an extremely wide selection. They have pretty much every flavor imaginable. A few were Mango Madness, Sex on the Beach, Citrus, Peppermint, Jasmine, and oddly enough Pumpkin Pie. Now, I don't know about you, but I do enjoy a nice whiff of pumpkin pie... when it's being freshly baked... in November. I don't know if I would want to have the liquid version

shoved up my nose for ten minutes straight. Needless to say I did not pick that flavor.

After paying for my air and choosing my flavors which were Zen, Chillin, 100% All Natural, and Spring, the lady (who by the way was no scientist, she works in a head shop) handed me my breathing tube and I was ready to go. I had quite a tough time figuring out how to wear my breathing tube and the lady was of zero help. She just kept repeating "just around your ears" like twenty times as my head was completely tangled in the darn thing.

Finally, I figured out the tube business and began breathing. That's about it; I just sat there and breathed. It was extremely boring. The lady failed to tell me that I could control my own scent valves so I felt a little gypped as I only breathed two of my four scents. It wasn't a huge deal because you could only faintly smell them anyway, but still The only thing I could really smell was a cigarette that some dude was smoking behind me. Doesn't that sort o defeat the whole purpose of my being there? I was simultaneously breathing in 95% pure O2 and some tar, nicotine and carcinogens. Great combo, I think they just canceled each other out so I was back where I started.

Oxygen bars are supposed to relax you and give you energy. I did notice a little more pep in my step for about fifteen minutes after I was done, but after that, nothing. What a load of crap. Don't waste your breath.

by Brian Niles

The moment I entered this hippie monastery. I realized I never want to go back again. Furthermore I never want to be associated with the hippie, or anything that would lead to supporting this empty rebellion. Some might think that incense and tye-dye are right, but then again I am not one to beg for change and then blow it on a one hitter. I don't bum cigarettes when I have one in my pack, I don't wear other peoples clothes. I don't go from drum circle to drum circle and look for scraps of organic burritos. I simply don't understand this hippie revolution.

The hippie would also support the consumption of oxygen from a "gift shop" labeled Freaky's. This flavored oxygen can be purchased at ten minute intervals for a rate of five dollars. The flavors vary with the type of hygiene a hippie would want to maintain. Timber, chillen', serenity, and jasmine were the typical flavors of these O2's, and all encompass the hippie odor. It is this stench of various incenses that eliminates the possibility for one of these individuals to bathe and maintain a respectable job.

I believe it was the ingestion of this hippie air that twisted my thoughts and created my brain to lose all senses of reality. WOW! At that moment I realized why the hippie exists. All children are essentially taught the same curriculum nationwide, the below par educational

areas of our nation are definitely not producing hippies; they have far more relevant justifications to protest.

Although I am sure that there are a few of these third-world hippies, I do not believe they would have the funds to "borrow" in order to travel with Karl Denson's Tiny Universe for three months.

These children who have the same education as the anti-hippie are dirty freeloaders because their parents failed. It is the hippie parent who taught their child a lack of hygiene and zero respect for those who surround them. Smelling like an old sneaker sprayed with Febreeze is invading others personal space. I protest that.

There is only one reason why an oxygen bar creates the same bitter taste as the hippies uprising. They both disgust me. The timber fizzle and the jasmine zing both were very disappointing and I truly believe that the oxygen was not 95% pure. Furthermore, the patron who was smoking a cigarette, and the shopkeeper who burned incense while I was supposed to be "enjoying" the hippie air should realize their trust-afarian infraction. I would suggest to all people; hippie or not so nipple to object the use of oxygen bars. Factually the use of this cleaner oxygen's can be hazardous to ones health. It is a waste of your time and money, and is located in a neighborhood where the most successful venue is a leather shop.

April means golf celebrities will be at Augusta

by Mike McMillan

Well, the weather is getting warmer and that is always good news for those who like to play golf. And of course, when thinking of golf, everyone is prone to think about the Masters. This year's tournament will take place on April 5-11, and it is always a must see event. The Masters is the first of four majors and probably the most prestigious of them all. The winner of the tournament will not only receive the illustrious green jacket, but they will also have their name mentioned with some of the all time greats.

The Masters is played at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia and it is one of the most beautiful golf course's you will ever see. Bobby Jones, one of the best golfers of all time, built the course and decided to have a tournament there every year. People enjoy watching the Masters because of its long tradition and also because of the prominent aura that surrounds the

tournament

This year the Masters should have a highly competitive field of golfers involved, and it always goes without saying that Tiger is at the top of the list once again. Tiger has started the year out doing really well. He won the WGC Accenture Match Play Championship and he has finished in the top ten in all the other PGA tournaments that he has played in

However, Tiger does not need to play well in all the other tournaments in order to do well in the majors. Every time Tiger is playing in a major you get the feeling that something special is going to happen because he knows how to turn it on for the big tournaments. The Masters is no exception either because Augusta is where he won his first major tournament in 1997.

Tiger isn't the only one doing well on the tour this year. There are always the players that do well on a consistent basis like Vijay Singh, Ernie

Els, and Phil Mickelson, but there have been a few surprises like this past weekend's winner Craig Parry, and Buick Open winner John Daly. Daly was especially surprising because many experts believed that because of his problems in the past he wouldn't do well on the tour ever again. There are a lot of people out there that would like to see Phil Mickelson get his first major win on the tour. Mickelson is often regarded as the best player on the tour without a major tour win. This year seems like it might be the best chance for Mickelson because of the high quality of golf that he is playing. Phil won the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic earlier in the year, and he has done very well in tournaments since then placing in the top ten in four other tournaments.

The Masters is a tournament that every student needs to watch because of the tradition behind it. It usually turns out to be the most competitive tournament of the season

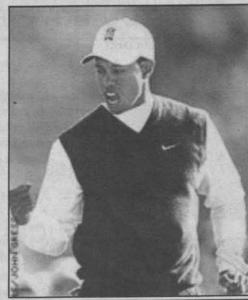


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and watching is the only way see why. For those students who that think golf is boring, they should all just give it a try and who knows how surprised they will be

Kroenke takes control of Colorado sports through new TV network

by Mike McMillan

In an attempt to find Nuggets and Avalanche on Fox Sports Net next fall, one might be surprised. These games as well as some other local sporting events will be broadcast on a new network owned by Kroenke Sports. The network, which doesn't have a name yet, will be the primary broadcaster of these teams starting in September of 2004. This is a major breakthrough for regional sports coverage because of the agreement that both of these teams have had with Fox Sports Net in recent years.

Fox Sports has had broadcasting rights for the Nuggets since the network was formed in 1988, and also for the Avalanche since the teams' arrival in the 1995-96 season. Kroenke Sports which owns the Avalanche, Nuggets, Rapids, Mammoth, and the Pepsi Center decided to do this because of the long term success that it will give the company. The emergence of this new network comes as a blow to Fox Sports, who tried to keep the current deal with Kroenke Sports teams.

The new network, which Kroenke hopes will start by September, will broadcast a mixture of local sporting events. The network will broadcast more than 200 live sporting events mostly from Colorado, but also a few from surrounding states. This will include at least 65 Nuggets games, and 65 Avalanche games and some other regional high

school and college games.

This will not be an easy task for Kroenke because of all of the last minute negotiations that must go on before broadcasting this network in the fall. The major problem that Kroenke has right now is reaching an agreement with the three major cable and satellite operators in the state. Kroenke must figure out a way to land a deal with Comcast, DirecTV, and Echo Star or else many people within the state will not have a chance to see some of these games.

Kroenke must also find enough broadcasting material to fulfill certain time slots. Even with the 200 plus games that they already have, they must quickly find a solid broadcasting lineup throughout the year.

With the creation of this new sports network, Kroenke Sports will have ultimate control over the sporting community in the state of Colorado. This will also serve as a huge blow to Fox Sports because they will lose their broadcasting rights for all Kroenke owned sports teams. Although Fox will still have broadcasting rights for many of the Rockies games, they will have very limited local sporting events to broadcast during the winter months.

Come September there will be a new home for the Avalanche, Nuggets, Rapids, and Mammoth. Although this may be a big deal for Kroenke Sports

and Fox Sports, most fans will not notice the difference with the exception of a new channel they need to program. Fans don't really care what channel the game is on, as long as it is on they will be pleased.



The Colorado Mammoth, along with other Denver Sports teams will be featured on a new network. Shown #22, Garry Gait. Photo courtesy coloraodmammoth.com



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What is the best April Fool's prank you have ever heard of?

Interviews with Erin Ovitz



Alana McCoy, SO

"One time, when my sister was a sophomore in high school, she called my mom and told her that she was pregnant. My mom started crying hysterically until my sister finally told her it was a joke."



Meg Moran, SR

"So I was in the library and left my backpack alone for a minute. My friends throught it would be funny to shove a bunch of Karma Sutra and sex books into my bag without me knowing. So when I went to leave the library, my backpack set the alarms off and the librarian ended up searching my bag, finding all these sex books, and he thought I was a total freak!"



Sam Hansen, JR

"I had some friends that secretly planted 200 crickets in somebody's dorm room as a prank. They had so much trouble getting the crickets out because they were everywhere and they were the chirping kind, so they couldn't even sleep in their room because it was so obnoxious at night."



Tres King, SR

"One time a bunch of us had a girl write a fake love letter to our friend Javier. The letter told him to meet her in the grotto by OC later that night. So of course, Javier gets all excited and tells us about this love letter he found and we we're like, "Yeah, you should go meet her!" So we went down to the grotto before he left so we could be there to laugh at him but I think somebody ended up telling him the truth because he never showed up. Yeah, he was pretty mad!"

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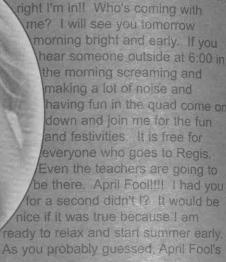
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April Fool's Day: getting ready for summer

I recieved an e-mail from the head of Regis University and he informed me that for the next month-and-a-half before summer begins there will be a big party outside in the quad all day and all night long. They are working on building a pool in the middle of the quad and should be ready in the fall for more fun partying to kick off the new

year. Come out and have a good time partying in the sun for 45 days straight. Hey, this idea sounds a lot like Mardi Gras!! All



One famous joke was written by Burger King.
They put an article in USA Today that they
were inventing a new sandwich, the "LeftHanded Hamburger."

Day is here. Here are a few traditional practical jokes used every day on April Fool's Day. Saying to someone "You're shoe's untied!" or setting a friend's alarm clock back one hour. Usually after the joke is played the person putting on the joke says "April Fools". Everyone gets involved in April Fool's Day even sometimes the news and other media. Some other jokes are putting food coloring in someone's milk, super glue coins to a sidewalk, get a group of friends together and point up at the sky. Get other people's reactions when they walk by and then just laugh. We have all done that one before, or was that just me?

One famous joke was written by Burger King. They put an article in the USA Today that they were inventing a new sandwich the



"Left-Handed Hamburger," It was designed for the 32-million people who are left handed. All of the ingredients of the Whopper were the same except that they were rotated 180 degrees to make it easier for the left handed people to eat them. The next day Burger King revealed that it was a joke but that day the people

who went into Burger King asked for the new sandwich and other people requested a "Right-Handed Whopper".

A couple big places to play jokes are at school with your friends or at home with your family. Even parents at work get involved to lighten up their day from their boring work. The jokes are funny because no one expects it and some people even fall for the jokes and that makes then even more funny. Jokes can range from simple to complex, from cheesy to gross depending on your kind of humor. Even though April Fool's Day is once every year and people think that they won't get fooled, those people are the ones who usually get surprised by someone.

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ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS

Workers and sponsors flee renovation project due to recurring eerie "freak outs"



Unidentified spectres haunt quad though, like vampires, poltergeists do not appear on film. Innumerable ghostly happenings occur daily causing workers to evacuate construction zone as passerby's gape in horror. photo by Dan Delaney

by Scott Shields

After what was a great kick off to "Writing the Next Chapter," Regis University has lost funding and construction workers from finishing the \$70 million campaign to update buildings, technology, grounds and a new chapel on the Lowell Campus.

According to unconfirmed reports, ghosts that supposedly haunt the 126-year-old Main Hall scared off the workers. Suspicions began as fewer and fewer construction workers showed up for work over the past two weeks. Reports of students living in West Hall could hear sounds of loud screams coming from within the top two floors of Main Hall late at night. A junior living in West Hall saw one man come running out of the so-called "haunted" building wailing his arms around as to ward off the spirits.

This one incident has

sent massive shockwaves of concern to the reaming workers at Regis. Many of the workers refuse to work at night, only during the day and even then, reports of missing tools, doors opening and closing, and faucets turning on and off have raised and eyebrow or two. When asked to confirm these accounts. John Peterson, a current worker on Main Hall had this to say, "I remember I placed my hammer down on the ground next to me to answer my phone. When I finished my conversation I reached down to find my hammer missing and hanging on the door frame ten feet away."

According to the
University Office of Public
Affairs, the University has
fitted the workers tool belts
with a Crucifix, a bottle of
Holy Water, and a Rosary
to combat the ghosts
should they encounter any
problems. The University
Office of Public Affairs
released a press release in

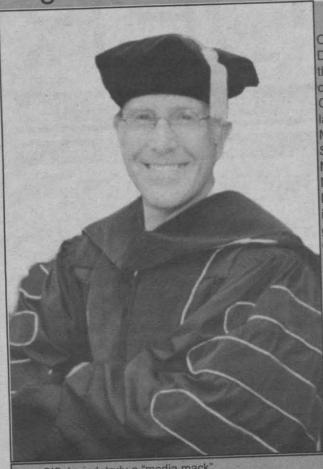
which it states, "The University does not buy into the accusations of Main Hall being haunted, but we are taking the necessary steps to ensure the construction continues and a piece of mind comes over our workers thus the updated tool belts. "They would also like to remind us that some ghosts like Casper can be very friendly.

Could Main Hall actually be haunted? As rumors of the haunted building surface with every new freshman class, no one has really paid attention to them until now. As word of the events spread to the Board of Trustees, several decided to pull their investment in the Campaign until something was done to dispel the University of the ghosts. A female Board member who wishes to remain anonymous quoted, "I had no other option but to pull my money from the Campaign, what would my

friends think? I don't want to be the woman who is known for donating to ghosts. I would be a laughing stock, do you know who I am?" Currently, \$39 million had been raised for the Campaign and the question on everyone's mind is "what will happen now?"

There has been no word yet on whether or not the construction will continue or come to a ceases while a team of expert Vatican Cardinals are flown to Regis to investigate. The Cardinals will arrive from Rome on Monday April 5, 2004. An official report will be produced by the President's office once the Cardinals have concluded the research and analyzed their findings. Till then the University Office of Public Affairs says, "There is no need for anyone to worry, students should carry on with daily routine at Regis."

Prestigious award presented to Regis Communication professor



Arne G'Schwind, truly a "media mack photo courtesy of www.regis.edu

Last week the Communication Department celebrated he accomplishments of one of their own. Dr. Arne Bachelor will be on Regis G'Schwind was honored last week by the Marshall Mack-Luhan Media Society with the Marshall Mack-Luhan Media Mackdaddy Award. The Media Mackdaddy Award is a prestigious award given out each year to a Communication Professor that displays media excellence. G'Schwind was nominated by his peers and because of his impressive array of media projects, was ultimately granted the award

Dr. G'Schwind is most famous in the communication world for his film works, The Nebraska Land Parade and his genius minidocumentary Going Up

the Poudre. "G'Schwind was all smiles when he was given the aluminum trophy. He truly is a media mack," stated one guest at the awards ceremony. His communication peer and former Mackdaddy award winner, Janellen Hill, presented the award to G'Schwind.

"To be a media mackdaddy is an awesome accomplishment, as is being a mack in any field really. Granted I felt that the Poudre documentary was a little on the bizarre side, however, Arne has proven that taking risks pays off. He truly is a mackdaddy of media," Hill commented at the after party. Although Arne was not available to comment for this article, his publicist did say that he is very rounds to DU, Colorado School of pleased with the award and plans on putting it in his bathroom.

Along with an authentic hand carved aluminum trophy, G'Schwind also received a \$5 gift card to McDonalds and coupons for \$3 off an oil change at Grease Monkey. This truly is a communication professor's dream come true! So what does this media mack have planned for the future? "Arne is planning on doing a Poudre Part II video as well as another documentary addressing the plight of farm cows," explained his publicist, "he truly feels that it is his responsibility to hit the hard issues that everyone else is afraid to.

Next week, students will be able to meet and talk to the media mack himself at a small get together at the Kmart cafe. This will give students the opportunity to speak with Arne about his media accomplishments and celebrate his win with Icees all around.

Popular show to use Regis women for next season

by Ysabel Martinez

Hey Ladies! Do you want to be on TV? The producers of ABC's The University's campus, April 15 through the16. For two days only, Regis female students can sign up for a six-week adventure to meet Mr. Right. Mr. Right is a spin off from ABC's The Bachelor and is designed for the single college female. Don't worry about missing any school because the journey starts May 10 and will continue until June 21, where the last ring will be given out.

The adventure will take place in Honolulu, Hawaii with all expenses paid. All Regis females have to do is be at the Field House at 9am on April 15. Mr. Right producers will interview each female contestant for approximately two minutes until

6:30pm. If the line is too long, you can try your luck the following day starting at 8am. Ladies are encouraged to look their best and they must be willing to pack their bags by May 10, for the wildest ride of their life. Only one female from Regis can be chosen.

The producers will be making their Mines and Colorado University at Boulder. Contestants will not only be chosen from Colorado but from California, Arizona, Florida, Louisiana, and New York; four females per state.

Who will Mr. Right be? Twenty year old Andrew Michael from Bakersfield, California, will have to sort through 24 women, looking for his perfect mate. The California native is currently studying politics at the University of Denver and plans to attend DU's law program after graduation. His hobbies are swimming, hiking, surfing, reading and baseball. He also likes to travel. He has been to Spain, France, Russia and Germany and hopes to move to



Ladies, now might be your chance to get your fifteen minutes of fame on Mr. Right! photo courtesy of www.abc.com

Italy some day. Physically, Andrew Michael is 6'3", 193 pounds with blue eyes and dirty blonde hair.

Michael has an uncle in the television industry and pitched the idea to him. "I've seen all of the reality shows but nothing like this. The Bachelor and Bachelorette are only for older people, I told my uncle that he needs something that applies to the college kid," stated Michael.

Jack Michael pitched the proposal to his network team, who all loved it. ABC soon contacted Andrew Michael for the show. "Andrew is perfect. He is bright, tall, and witty and he even has dimples on his cheeks when he smiles. Women love that," Jack Michael stated in an interview with Extra. Michael is eager to start the show and cannot wait to meet the chosen females. "Already all of this is happening extremely fast. I just want to meet a girl that makes me laugh," Andrew Michael stated.

Can you crack a joke ladies? Then I suggest you mark your calendars and be there at the Field House at 9am on April 15th. Don't miss out on what could be an experience of a lifetime.

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Breakthrough in negotiations comes when leaders discover mutual fondness for jelly doughnuts

by Andrew Cole

A major development in the peace talks on the South Asian subcontinent came early Friday morning when Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee realized that they both shared an incredible liking for the pastry that brings together the usual deep fried favorite doughnut and the sugary goodness of an artificially flavored jelly-like substance.

Analysts who have been following the talks were amazed by the new development. The two states have been at odds with each other since their creation in 1947 from one state under British control that was part of the one time vast British Empire. Colin O'Neil, the BBC's chief correspondent in the region observed that "Never in international affairs have we seen a breakfast food go so far in deescalating a serious conflict as we have seen here today. It is a win for all involved, including jelly doughnut lovers worldwide."

The talks themselves were a big step between the two states, but

no one seriously thought that anything substantial would come from this first round of negotiations. They were seen as more of a good faith gesture to begin the process of thawing out the strained relations between the two.

of that was dismissed however when the two held a joint news conference at midday on Friday to announce that they had come to a settlement over the disputed Kashmir

and had signed a nuclear arms treaty that would take a big step forward in making sure that the two would not go to nuclear war. O'Neil went on to say "No doubt the sweetness of the jelly doughnut had a significant effect on

the two leaders' ability to come to terms with their disagreements. After eating such a delightful pastry, who wouldn't want to make peace."

President Musharraf said that the two leaders discovered the mutual

pastry love over a catered breakfast during which Mr. Vajpayee made a comment under his breath wishing that they could be eating doughnuts instead of

Both men also enjoy a tasty bearclaw and chocolate milk. instead of the photo courtesy of http://news.bbc.co.uk the traditional

meal they were sitting in front of.

"Once we had found a

"Once we had found a common interest as deep as our mutual love for jelly doughnuts, it was so much easier to understand each other's positions on the issues, and

thus it was really quite simply to come to some very significant deals," Mr. Musharraf stated before a stunned group of international reporters.

Mr. Vajpayee was quoted as saying, "It was so much easier to see the Pakistani people as fellow human beings once it was made known that their leader had such excellent taste in breakfast cuisine. From there, it was only a matter of sitting down and taking care of the details."

The news is expected to bring about a rush of activity between the two nations including the opening of trade and travel. It is also expected to create a flood of the jelly doughnut market in both of the neighboring states, which until this point was mostly contained in shops and hotel lobbies catering to foreign travelers.

President George W. Bush issued a statement saying that his administration was happy to see the news and that they were already beginning to use the method to try to broker other diplomatic agreements elsewhere in the world. He was quoted as saying "I like jelly doughnuts too."

Area roommate attends oxygen bar, forced to take twenty-minute shower

by Padraic J. Swanton

It was reported late Wednesday night that a local Denver-area roommate spent most of his afternoon at an Oxygen Bar, and then required a twenty-minute shower to "get back into the swing of things."

Reports are fuzzy until after the third of an hour length shower, but from earlier statements to officials, the distraught roommate spent nearly three hours sampling some of the best-flavored oxygen from Freaky's Gift Shop.

"We had seen him in here before, but never knew how well he could handle his 'O'," Frank Sternum, purveyor of the shop located on Broadway commented upon witnessing the near binge of oxygen taken in by the local roommate.

After returning home from a near overdose of the life-sustaining element, local officials say the roommate walked into his room for just a second and decided that he "had to do something to set his mind at ease."

"From the way his room looked while he was using the last drop of hot water known to man," a fellow roommate said. "There must have been something in that vanilla-flavored oxygen that got to his head, he's never left his room in such disarray."

Further investigation by officials released additional information about the activities of the newly "health conscious" roommate. Not only did he

attend the oxygen bar for nearly ten times the recommended dosage, reports stated, but it is also believed that he drove himself home to "relax or just come down."

"There's no way I would have been able to control myself, I did so much of it that night I was lucky to get up for class the next day."

-oxygenated roommate

"His traditional shower preparations and actual shower time usually only add up to about 15 minutes," the same other roommate reported to the press early Thursday morning. "This time the shower alone took 20 minutes. I don't want to get messed up with that oxygen stuff if this is what's going to happen to me."

In the same official investigation of the post-oxygen bar haze, it was reported that the roommate needed the shower to make him feel normal after testing the limits of his brain, lung and blood's capacity for the questionable new fad.

The roommate in question also had his own statement to provide press and other officials.

"I want everyone to know that I didn't intend on taking a 20 minute shower, that's just what the stuff does to you. If I knew there was no hot water left for the other roommates I would have stopped," after an oxygen pause the roommate continued, "wait, there's no way I would have been able to control myself, I did so much of it that night I was lucky to get up for class the next day."

"The clean oxygen-induced haze didn't actually have that great of a grasp on my psyche that night, it's those trend-setters lighting incense and smoking cigarettes in the place that made me feel dirty. I mean really, who thinks smoking in an oxygen bar is a good idea, it's not supposed to go down like that?"

The local roommate awoke the next morning feeling more than clean "O2" flowing through his veins. The roommate promised to never let his addiction to oxygen get in the way of his normal showering patterns. "That just isn't how you are supposed to act on the ox," he concluded.

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K-Mart proves hardly hidden haven for heavenly hotdogs

by Chris Dieterich and Mike Mahon

While Hamlin's, Chipotle and Viva may have established close ties with the campus community, true Regis insiders will tell of the areas' best kept secret. Only a stones throw away from Loyola Hall, the K-Mart Café on 50th and Federal provides a delicious oasis for hungry shoppers. This festively decorated bistro offers breakfast, lunch, snacks, dinner and desserts. Upon entry, we took a seat at a quiet, sparklingly clean table with a cosmopolitan view of Denver. The gentle whir of the ice machine lulled we into a state of tranquility while they examined the expansive menu. Every item smacks of Martha Stewart-like freshness, with everything from hot dogs to ice cream, the boys chose a variety of treats to suite their palates.

A healthy selection of tortilla based appetizing appetizers made up the first course. Because we wanted to get a complete taste of K-Mart's offerings, the suppertime scarfers decided to split an order of nachos and a small bag of Frito Lays's finest-- Doritos. The nachos came through big time, delivering a processed cheese topping bundled with zang. The jalapenos decorated the nachos and packed a taste that rivaled the fury of a thousand suns. As for the Doritos, there were no alarms, no surprises--just heavenly goodness on crunchy corn. The results:

Chris-10.0 Mike-10.0

For the main course, we selected an American favorite-hot dogs! With baseball around the corner, it only seemed appropriate to get a piping hot log of hog anus (and other unknowns). Believe it or not, the K-Mart offers two choices: regular or the specialty dog. There was no decision to be made here; we went for the specialty. We covered their meat and buns with plenty of packet ketchup and mustard, located near any of the cozy tables. The astonishing results:

Chris-10.0 Mike-10.0

Before ordering dessert to compliment the meal, Chris and Mike couldn't help but admire K-Mart's ability to bridge the generation gap existing between patrons. The "Kid's Corner" is designed to fit within the regular seating scheme; truly a gesture of equality. Pardon the digression... Anyway, bathed in an

toasty pretzel photo courtesy of Dan Delaney aqueous solution of dairy fresh butter and cinnamon-sugar. The key to this dessert was watching our pretzel be pulled out of the freezer,

Chris-9.7 Mike-10.0

A valuable lesson is to be learned from this dietary evaluation. Some may trust other less

consisted of a K-MART Cafe takes first place in "The Best of Denver Restaurants" you hear us Westword, Rocky Mountain News and Denver Post? The real scoop on underground eateries comes from The Regis University has been the most pleasurable review to date. Final tally:

Chris-A+ Mike-A++



reputable publications' supposed "Best of Lists." Do and then reheated for our enjoyment. The results: Highlander. Hands down, far and away, K-Mart Café

Rangers Badminton Team Advances to National Championship Tournament after Dominating Performance



by Lance Uppercut

The Regis men's badminton doubles team dominated play on Friday night in the west regional championship in San Francisco. The team consisting of Junior Lucas Albrecht and senior and first team all-American Xiaoming Donglu won their match in two games against their opponents from the University of San Diego.

Matches are played in three games, with the first team to 15 points coming away with the victory for that game. The team to win two of the three games wins the match. Albrecht and Donglu started out strong and never looked back, taking a 5-0 lead in the first game before their opponents could even muster a point. They would go on to win the first game by an impressive margin of 15-

After the game, Donglu was quoted as saying, "Yeah, that first game was huge for us because we took the crowd out of the match. They never really got into it and that

became an advantage for us." The notoriously rowdy California crowd was expected to be cheering for the instate team of USD, but Albrecht and Donglu were so impressive that they even had the crowd cheering for their points by the end of the match.

After a short break to rehydrate and collect themselves the Rangers doubles team took the court to continue their remarkable play by taking the second game 15-10. "We just had them on the run from the very beginning of the match and they could never really recover," Donglu said in a Anderson told us before the game to just go out there and have some fun and act like we were just hitting the shuttlecock around the backyard. He knew we were more talented and it was just up to us to execute properly." And execute properly they did.

Adolphe Maximilien, the USD head coach commented after the game that "I have never seen more impressive play out of two college players as what we saw tonight. This team is the best doubles pair to step out onto the court in a number of years. I would be surprised if they did anything but go on to sweep the national championship."

The team will now go on to the national championship bracket which will play their games in Buffalo, New York, the Badminton capitol of the United States. Former college Badminton star and current NBC analyst Michael Smith said that it would be a mistake to pick anyone but the Ranger doubles team to be the favorites to win the tournament.

Albrecht and Donglu are expected to return home to an admiring crowd at the Regis field house on Saturday afternoon. For those from the Rangerland community who were unable to make it out to the tournament in San Francisco, this will be a way to show their support for the best Regis sports team in the 125 year history of the school.



Major renovations will take place to Sodexho's exisiting salad bar, photo by William Gates

Sodexho promises improvements: graduating seniors leave disappointed

by Ann Tool

Throughout the summer, Regis
University's food service, Sodexho, will be undergoing some changes in anticipation of the new school year.
Currently Regis
University has two choices where one can enjoy meals on campus, the Cafeteria and the Ranger Grill/Einstein's Bagels.

As of next year, a third eatery will join the others in the demanding job of feeding the hungry. This yet to be named eatery will reside in what is now the commuter student lounge. This eatery will mainly serve made-to-order subs offering a wide variety of meats, breads, and cheeses as well as numerous soups, salads and freshly prepared sushi. Flex money can be used to purchase meals and cash, checks, and all major credit cards will also be accepted.

Sodexho employees are thrilled about the new addition to the team. Grill cook Belinda Jacobson stated, "I think this new deli will be a huge hit. It will make our job a little easier and take some of the pressure off of us to cook such good food. The kids will have a better place to eat."

In addition to the new deli, the cafeteria will be experiencing some new changes as well. The wall nearest to West Hall will be knocked down and replaced with full-length windows and doors. These doors will lead out to a patio complete with tables, chairs and umbrellas so diners can enjoy their meals al fresco on sunny days.

The food will also have a new and improved taste. Sodexho is teaming up with national restaurant chains in order to feed Regis University student's food they deserve and can enjoy.

For example, "steak night" will now be hosted by one of the highest regarded steak houses in the United States. Ruth's Chris has agreed to host "steak night" three times per month, bringing with them their own masters to man the grill.

The thrice-weekly pizza and pasta bar will no longer bore taste buds. California Pizza Kitchen will sponsor Sodexo's love for pizza by stocking the kitchen with freshly prepared pies with a wide assortment of toppings. The pasta bar will be catered in by Maggiano's Little Italy featuring at least two different pasta dishes daily. The salad bar will resemble that of student favorite, Ruby Tuesday's, always stocked with everything one would ever even consider putting on a salad. The desserts will come from Mrs. Fields and Snap, Crackle, and Pop themselves. The Cheesecake Factory will

supply the cheesecake and one of Betty Crocker's best-trained chefs will provide ever type of pie from apple to boysenberry.

Not left behind, the grill will also benefit from a few changes. Einstein's will stay the way they are, but students can soon enjoy Jamba Juice instead of those other eclectic choices. The grill's burgers will be replaced by "Denver's Best Burger" which hails from The City Grille. The fries, cheese sticks, and onion rings will just plain taste better along with the chicken fingers and grilled cheese assorted sandwiches. They will all get an upgrade.

All these changes should make dining on campus fun and enjoyable for everyone. Thanks, Sodexho for changing an already elaborate smorgasbord of delectable meals.

Dual photos have little relevance to article about baseball

by Michael Pontarelli

Major League Baseball has certainly gone through some major changes in the last couple of weeks. It seems that Pete Rose and Commissioner Bud Selig have finally worked out their problems, and Pete Rose will not only be inducted into the Hall of Fame this summer in Cooperstown, but he will also be managing the Cincinnati Reds in the 2004 season. As a result of this decision, ex-Philadelphia Phillies bad boys John Kruk and Lenny Dykstra are both coming out of retirement to play for "Charlie Hustle".

The New York Yankees are out signing more players. Last week they were able to acquire Randy Johnson, Sammy Sosa, Barry Bonds, Greg Maddux, and Ted Williams. It seems that the Yankees are pulling out all the stops this year. If George Steinbrenner doesn't get a World Series ring this year he may go ballistic on his team of All-Stars.

The Commissioner's office is also taking into account all of the steroid testing that has caused such controversy throughout all of Major League Baseball, and they have decided that they simply don't want to deal with the matter any longer. They no longer care what the players do to their bodies, because after all, it's their body.

In other news from around the league Montreal Expos' Hall of Fame manager, Frank Robinson was extremely delighted to hear that he won't have to manage in Canada after this year as the team has decided to move to Puerto Rico full time. The Expos have had minute crowds as long as anyone can remember and the fact that they don't even have a local television contract is ridiculous and not up to the standards of Major League Baseball.

In local Major League news, the Rockies have reportedly traded Jason Jennings and Charles Johnson for Brett Boone and Ichiro Suzuki, allowing J.D. Closser to start behind the dish on opening day.





Bud Selig and Pete Rose are both scared of large dog and like moonpies. photo courtesy of www.jsonline.com

All in all, the Major League season his looking as competitive as ever. The Yankees will definitely be the team to beat; division rival Boston is upset about Ted Williams deciding to go to the Yankees. When asked about the move Williams said, "Boston froze me for crying out loud, who did you expect me to go to, Tampa?"

This season may go down in the books as one of the greatest Major League Baseball seasons ever

Mudd to finish remaining graduation credits at Vivian St. John Center for Performing Arts

by Katie Ryan

As graduation is steadily approaching, many seniors are scrambling to fulfill their last minute requirements. From business to nursing, students are aspiring towards successful careers in their chosen fields. However, one Regis senior is going where no other has gone before: into the field of Interpretive Dance.

Seth Mudd, one of Regis University's May graduates, will soon be taking his final credits at The Vivian St. John Center of Performing Arts. Mudd, after realizing he still has some credits to finish up for graduation, has decided to tackle a childhood dream of interpretive dance. The University has fully supported Mudd in his dance endeavors, and has encouraged this form of creative self-expression. The University has also agreed to transfer over all of Seth's credits, and make sure

he receives his "interpretive dance diploma" in May. I had the privileged opportunity to sit down with Mr. Mudd and ask him about his dance classes and exactly what is in store for him in the near future.

I asked Mudd the following questions:

What is Interpretive Dance to you?

Interpretive Dance brings me to the nexus of the universe and back. It is part of my soul, and how I give back to the community. It brings me great joy to see individuals enjoying my dance moves and for them to get a sense of the world of interpretive dance.

When and why did you start to practice Interpretive Dance?

At the age of three I knew I had a knack for

interpretive dancing. My dad and mom would always take me to Vegas and make me watch showgirls. They then started to chain me to dance floors until I got my technique down.

What are the positive aspects of doing interpretive dance throughout your day?

Dancing really helps me blow off steam. After a tough day of classes, I just like to go to my room and hit up my boom-box and just go nuts. Plus, just walking around and watching other people walk gives me ideas, and I like to put them into my combinations.

Tell me about the Vivian St. John Center.

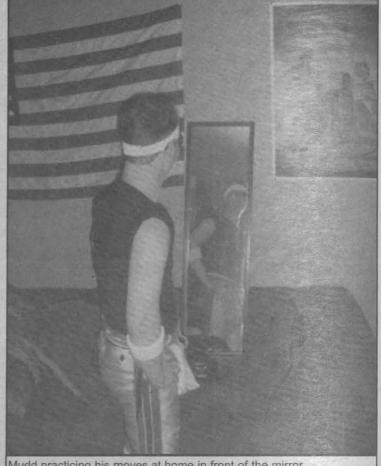
It's a beautiful place, very tranquil. There are eight different studios. Soon I hopefully will be working as a head dance instructor, but just for tap dancing.

Will this lead to a possible career for you? Where do you see yourself in ten years?

Oh, definitely. I hope to see myself in South Beach, Florida in ten years, at the Kitty Cat Club.

Tell me about your dance instructor or fellow dancers.

My instructor is Hugo Firenzia. He's the head instructor; we call him the "dance master". See, there are several different stages of interpretive dance. He's a dance master two, actually.



Mudd practicing his moves at home in front of the mirror.

Photo courtesy of Hugo Firenzia.

It's kinda like a black belt in karate. Except we use sashes and headbands to determine what level we are at.

What kind of music do you like to dance to?

Mainly Spanish music. But occasionally I like to dance to Gregorian chant and the band, "Dying Fetus". I have some great combinations to their song, "Time To Die".

What is your advice to beginning interpretive dance students?

Dance for life. Dance hard, dance long.

Is there anything more we should know about your interpretive dance classes?

Plenty. It's offered everyday of the week, both at my house and at the Vivian St. John Center. I give exclusive private lessons at my house. My roommate Brian is the DJ. He plays the different music. He sits there on the couch, pretty much the set-up and clean-up. He brings in water and lemon coolies into my studio after dance sessions. It really helps us to wind down.



Mudd's favorite interpretive dance stretch Photo courtesy of Seth's mother, Mrs. Mudd.

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